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SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, I rise in opposition to the bracket motion. I don't like to think of myself as someone who is, when playing poker, always looking at his hole card, but I think that it should be realized that not everybody perhaps that voted to send LB 759 forward is a committed vote, and I don't know how that vote will be on Final, and it doesn't matter. The game is still on. Senator Chambers spent some time an hour and a half ago talking about the beginning game, the mid game and the end game. We're still in the mid game. I think it would be very unwise, very, very unwise, to stop the process now. I think we need to go forward because, while we can anticipate the Governor's actions, revenue bills, of course, are not subject to a line-item veto. Appropriations bill are. We better keep our options open. We better do the wise thing and we better continue our discussion of LB 283 with an eye towards its passage. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Landis, on the bracket motion. He waives the opportunity. Senator Maxwell.

SENATOR MAXWELL: Thank you, Mr. President. I just told Senator Beutler I support his motion. I was a little afraid to say so. I didn't want to be the kiss of death for him. My record on the tax and budget bills, well, actually it's perfect I guess. But I'm intrigued by it. I'm intrigued by his motion because I think Senator Tyson alluded to what I think is maybe the situation. I think there are a whole lot of people who are counting on the Governor to bail them out. I don't think everybody that voted for the budget supports everything in the budget. I don't think everybody that just voted for the tax package really wants to see everything in there. I think what they're probably hoping is that...also have the tax package available in smaller bites. Then the Governor will come through and, say, line-item item out \$100 million or so, whatever is necessary, pick one piece of the tax package, maybe the LB 1085 extension, and then everybody gets out with as little pain as possible. I think there ought to be total accountability and so, for that reason, I'll be voting for the bracket motion. Thank you, Mr. President.